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SUBJECT: MBFR: REVISED PAPER ON DATA AND GROUND FORCE
DEFINITION

REFS: A. NATO 4886 B. STATE 187599 C. STATE 192086

1. YOU MAY APPROVE TRANSMISSION OF PAPER TO SPC AS
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DESCRIBED IN PARA 6 REF A.

2. HOWEVER, IN ACCEPTING THESE CHANGES YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE CLEAR IN WG AND IN SPC (IF ANY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF PAPER OCCURS) THAT US DOES NOT BELIEVE CM(73)83 SHOULD BE INTERPRETED AS PERMANENTLY FORECLOSING SUCH A MINOR DEVIATION FROM THE 10 PERCENT RULE AS WOULD BE IMPLIED BY THE 700,000 MAN COMMON CEILING AND OUR CURRENT MANPOWER ESTIMATES.

3. FYI. AS NOTED PARA 6, (REF B) WE WISH TO AVOID BEING LOCKED INTO RIGID FORMULATION LIMITING REDUCTIONS TO NO MORE THAN 10 PERCENT FOR FEAR THAT COMPETING DEMANDS FOR CUTS WILL ULTIMATELY REQUIRE SOMEWHAT LARGER REDUCTIONS. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT WISH TO PRECIPITATE A CONFRONTATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE ON THIS ISSUE NOW AS TO DO SO COULD HOLD UP ALLIANCE AGREEMENT ON SEVERAL ISSUES. MOREOVER THE SUPPORT FOR A RIGID 10 PERCENT RULE MAY ERODE AS MORE ALLIES ANALYZE THEIR OWN REDUCTION NEEDS. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD

KEEP OPEN THE OPTION OF CUTS IN EXCESS OF 10 PERCENT, BUT KEEP POINT LOW-KEY SO AS TO AVOID MAJOR CONTROVERSY. END FYI. KISSINGER

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